

Insurance Department

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Insurance Agent pleads Guilty

Insurance agent Mitchell Kevin Kelling pled guilty to insurance fraud January 29, 2013. Kelling had been operating under the name "Kelling Insurance." Charges against Mr. Kelling were filed by the Attorney General's office on behalf of the Utah Insurance Department's Fraud Division.

The Insurance Fraud Division received a complaint from a local business owner in Moab who had purchased a business insurance policy from Mr. Kelling. When the businessman did not receive a policy he became concerned and contacted the insurance company through whom Mr. Kelling had supposedly purchased his policy. He discovered that the company had no record of a policy in his or his business's name. Subsequently, two other individuals contacted the Insurance Fraud Division in similar situations, having purchased auto and business coverage through Mr. Kelling. It is alleged that Kelling had been pocketing premiums for personal use.

Mitch Kelling plead guilty to felony charges in Utah Seventh District Court.

The Insurance Fraud Division is asking anyone who has purchased a policy through Kelling Insurance, to contact their insurance carrier to verify a policy does exist.

If anyone has information or concerns, please contact Investigator Jeff Remus at 801-531-5386 or by email to <u>jremus@utah.gov</u>.